

FIRE DESTROYS CATHOLIC SCHOOL, DAMAGES CHURCH

Two Apartment Houses Ruined by Blaze From St. Thomas the Apostle.

A fire, which could be seen all over Harlem this morning, completely destroyed the parochial school building of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas the Apostle at Nos. 151-153 St. Nicholas avenue, ruined two six-story apartment houses and part of a third and damaged the church itself. All the property destroyed belonged to the church. The damage was at least \$60,000. It is believed the fire was caused by defective insulation.

The school was attended by about 1,500 pupils, who will be schoolless until temporary accommodation can be found for them. It was a small two-story building and stood between the two tenement houses, Nos. 149 and 157 St. Nicholas avenue, whose high walls formed a sort of canyon about it and a most effective fune for the blaze. The school building ran back to within four feet of the rear of the church which is at No. 154-156 West One Hundred and Eighteenth street. Across this narrow interval the flames leaped and licked far into the church.

About 4 o'clock Patrolman Wenz, who was on fixed post at One Hundred and Seventeenth street and St. Nicholas avenue, heard a bang and roar, and immediately the sky was illuminated.

Deputy Chief McCartney sent in a second alarm and Fire Chief Kenyon a third. The fire had so great a hold it was difficult to control and part of it could only be reached through the church which was itself alight.

Father Abbott was in the rectory at No. 23 West One Hundred and Eighteenth street, sitting up for night calls, when he was notified. He quickly called the Rev. Father John L. McNamara, the rector, and Fathers John M. Boylan and Scanlon.

At once Fathers Scanlon and Abbott rushed to the church to save the Blessed Sacrament.

In escaping from No. 157, Mrs. Minerva Johnson, thirty-eight, lost her footing in the smoke and fell down the stairs with a baby in her arms. She managed to save the child from injury, but was badly hurt herself and had to be attended by Dr. Cassassa from Harlem Hospital. Afterward the house was gutted.

Fireman Otto Poppel of Truck No. 49, while working in the crypt, was caught by a fall of debris and fell beneath it unconscious. He was pulled out by comrades and hurried in Chief McCartney's ambulance to the Harlem Hospital. In addition to burns, his scalp and face were seriously lacerated.

"TROT" AND "TANGO" ARE ONLY WHAT THE DANCERS MAKE THEM.

Illinois Senators on Vice Hunt Enlightened by Chicago Cafe Owner.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Opinions that the "turkey trot," the "tango" and similar dances were "just what people made them," were expressed by witnesses before the Illinois Vice Commission today. Roy J. Jones, whose license as a cafe proprietor was revoked because of dances permitted by him in his place, testified he saw no objection to that form of amusement.

"You consider those dances an art?" Jones was asked.

"Well, they are artful if not art. It depends largely on what people make them."

Jones agreed to eliminate suggestive dancing from his place if he were permitted to resume business. He said dancing and cabaret shows were the result of competition between cafes, and if all "tango" dancing was prohibited the cafes still would prosper.

Leat-Gov. Barratt O'Hara, chairman of the commission, said it was the purpose of the investigators, co-operating with the city authorities, to rid Chicago of immoral cafes and to keep a watch on conditions for the next two years.

Whether vice flourishes in Chicago through the payment of "protection money" to public officials is to be investigated by the Illinois Vice Commission. The decision was reached today after Rev. Elmer Williams, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, had testified he would produce women and saloonkeepers who had admitted to him they gave regular sums to police officials.

Dr. Williams agreed to furnish the names of witnesses in secret, but the testimony of the witnesses when they are called is to be in open session.

"One woman told me that her life would not be worth anything if she revealed that she paid protection money," said Dr. Williams. "Saloonkeepers have told me similar stories."

"If it is true that politics and vice work together in Chicago the public shall hear of it," said Chairman Barratt O'Hara. "We will bring out all the facts if there are any, if it takes two years to do it."

Dr. Williams said he attributed the downfall of many women to male influence. He said that low wages among women was a contributing cause.

After J. W. Shemberg, a saloon keeper, had testified he had information that a juvenile worker of a social settlement organization was paid protection money the commission ordered the accused juvenile officer subpoenaed.

Ruins of St. Thomas' School, Destroyed To-Day by Flames



SCHOOL OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

TAKES A LIFE TERM, GAMBLER'S CHANCE, AGAINST TEN YEARS

Rooney May Apply for Pardon Under This Sentence, but Not Under the Other.

William Rooney, who has spent thirty-one of his fifty-four years in prison, was brought before Judge Fawcett in the County Court in Brooklyn today for sentence on his plea of guilty to an indictment charging him with robbery as a fourth offense.

"Judge," said Rooney, "I didn't quite understand when I made that plea. I understand that under it you can sentence me to prison for life. Now, if that's so, I'd rather plead guilty to burglary in the third degree and take the limit on that, which, I understand, is ten years."

"Rooney," replied Judge Fawcett, "You are a bad man. You have been bad so persistently that I think you cannot help it and I am probably the best place for you. Before I take your changed plea, I want you to consider this: If I sentence you to ten years it will be a flat sentence and under the law you cannot apply to the Board of Pardons for a commutation. If you are sentenced to life imprisonment you can apply to the Board after three years and you may get a pardon. It is a

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Coroner Censures Neglect in Not Closing Inside Gates of Moving Cars.

A Coroner's Jury sitting before Coroner Winterbottom at an inquest today on the death of Justice Henry Bischoff, who was killed March 25 by falling eleven stories down the elevator shaft of the Immigrants' Savings Bank Building on Chambers street, did not fix direct responsibility for death, but censured the management of the building for not enforcing the law providing for the closing of inside gates on elevator cars.

The jury recommended that the Building Department pass more stringent regulations concerning the closing of the inside gates on all elevators in the city and that the Legislature pass a law enforcing the installation of safety devices which would not permit starting the car until the gates are closed.

It was the sense of the jury that Michael E. Pearl of No. 67 Sixth street, Brooklyn, the elevator man in charge of the car from which Justice Bischoff fell, had been neglectful in not closing the inside gate of the car before starting upward from the eleventh floor. Assistant District Attorney Strong read a statement Pearl made to him concerning how the fatal accident happened and how Pearl had tried to save the Justice from death when he saw him start out of the door.

Supt. Vincent P. Travers and Engineer Edwin Banfield testified that to the best of their knowledge the rule concerning the closing of inside doors always had been followed in the building, but Fred L. Berthaud and Howard R. Banda, the latter Justice Bischoff's secretary, swore that they had never seen the closing rule followed.

Child's Body Found on Fifth Avenue.

The body of a female child was found on the roof of a Fifth Avenue bus at Seventh avenue and One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, today. Herman Groback, the conductor, says that on his previous trip he observed a woman passenger on the roof with a package. When she got off the bus she had no package.

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